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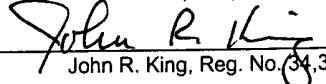
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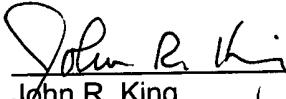
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with eight (8) references.
- (X) Two (2) Office Actions for U.S. Application Nos. 10/234,577 and 10/405,201.
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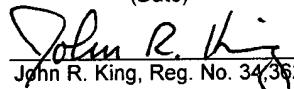
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing eight (8) references that were previously cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/234,577, filed August 8, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/405,201, filed April 1, 2003 and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/405,200, filed April 1, 2003, which belong to the same family as the above-referenced application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

Two (2)The references were cited in an Office Action for U.S. Application No. 10/234,577, and five (5) references were cited in an Office Action for U.S. Application No. 10/405,201. One (1) reference was cited in the Notice of Allowability for U.S. Application No. 10/405,200. Copies of the Office Actions are enclosed for your reference.

Applicants note that there are several pending and issued patent applications in this family of patent applications. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/405,351, filed April 1, 2003, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/405,200, filed April 1, 2003, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/405,201, filed April 1, 2003 are continuations of U. S. Patent Application No. 10/234,577, filed August 30, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/738,796, filed December 15, 2003, now U.S. Patent No.

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6,455,906, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/385,396, filed August 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,358,788. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/614,538, filed July 3, 2003 is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/234,577, filed August 30, 2002. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/369,273, filed February 18, 2003 is a continuation of U.S. Patent application 09/864,606, filed May 24, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,592,777, which is a divisional of U. S. Patent Application No. 09/385,396, filed August 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,358,788.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

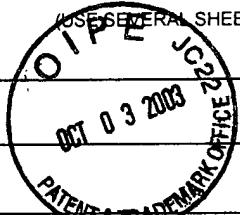
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